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Applicants: van den Heuvel et al. : Atty Docket SYN-0031A
Serial No.: 10/657,075 : Group Art Unit: 1616
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For: MODIFIED RELEASE FORMULATIONS CONTAINING A HYPNOTIC AGENT

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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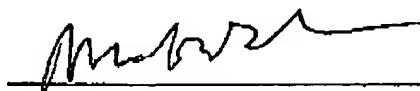
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Sir:

In connection with the above identified application, applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 3, 2004. Please charge the required petition fee in the amount of \$1020.00 in accordance with the attached credit card payment form.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, he is encouraged to contact Mark R. Buscher (Reg. No. 35,006) at 703 753 5256.

Respectfully submitted,



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